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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

March 31, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
IN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND
IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST NEAR SUNLAND
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute construction contracts for work in the City of Pasadena and in the Angeles National Forest near Sunland.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Award and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute construction contracts and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. FCC0001265 – Eaton Wash Dam and Reservoir New Control House, to construct a new control house at an operational flood control dam, in the City of Pasadena, to International Computing Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$667,600; and
- Project ID No. WRDD000031 – Big Tujunga Dam Underground Utility Improvement Project, to restore utilities lost in the Station Fire and improve existing utility systems at Big Tujunga Dam, in the Angeles National Forest near Sunland, to Bowe Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,417,500.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to award these construction contracts, and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractors for each of these projects.

On November 5, 2014, Agenda Item 48, and December 9, 2014, Agenda Item 35, the Board approved the projects; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on December 16, 2014, and February 3, 2015, respectively; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the projects.

The project descriptions, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosures for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/ Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected City and area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID Nos. FCC0001265 and WRDD000031 are included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Interim Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of these contracts will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal

Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the District to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the District to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the District to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for these projects and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time the Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, these projects were listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the City and the area where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONTRACT
March 31, 2015

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001265 – Eaton Wash Dam and Reservoir New Control House,
(in the City of Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a new control house at an operational flood control dam and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 5, 2014 (Agenda Item 48)

BID OPENING DATE: December 16, 2014

BID SUMMARY:

Low	International Computing Systems, Inc. 524 West Commonwealth Avenue, Suite M Fullerton, California 92832 (714) 290-3680	\$ 667,600.00
2	ARC Construction, Inc.*	\$ 876,150.00
3	Future DB International, Inc.	\$ 879,900.00
4	CJPRO, Inc.	\$ 886,500.00
5	MIK Construction, Inc.	\$ 911,489.98
6	Mallcraft, Inc.	\$1,348,000.00

*Local Small Business Enterprises (LSBE)

Concept Consultant, Inc.; Kemcorp Construction, Inc.; Toby B. Hayward, Inc.; and Fast-Track Construction submitted bids of \$794,835, \$894,500, \$965,000, and \$1,024,000, respectively. However, all four bids indicated that over 50 percent of the work was to be performed by subcontractors, which violates the Self Performance Requirements of Section 2-3.2 of the specifications. Caltec Corp submitted a bid of \$965,700; however, it failed to submit a properly executed Noncollusion Affidavit. Therefore, all five bids were considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate, including the Consultant Services Agreement	\$739,000.00
Amount of Consultant Services Agreement	\$ 10,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$657,600.00
Amount of recommended contract and Consultant Services Agreement below the estimate	\$ 71,400.00

The amount of the recommended contract, including the Consultant Services Agreement, is 9.7 percent below the estimate.

On November 5, 2014, Agenda Item 48, the Board authorized the Chief Engineer or her designee to award and execute a Consultant Services Agreement for \$10,000. The amount of the recommended contract award of \$657,600 represents the amount of the lowest responsive bid with the cost of the Consultant Services Agreement subtracted from it.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 5, 2014, Agenda Item 48, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2015 and be completed in November 2015.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
March 31, 2015

PROJECT ID NO. WRDD000031 – Big Tujunga Dam Underground Utility Improvement Project, (in the Angeles National Forest near Sunland), Supervisorial District 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Restore utilities lost in the Station Fire and improve existing utility systems at Big Tujunga Dam.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 9, 2014 (Agenda Item 35)

BID OPENING DATE: February 3, 2015

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bowe Contractors, Inc.* 42424 North 4th Street East Lancaster, California 93535 (661) 940-0899	\$1,417,500.00
2	Torres Construction Corporation	\$1,421,500.00
3	Moalej Builders, Inc.	\$1,517,500.00
4	Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$1,641,758.00
5	W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,688,000.00
6	Ferreira Coastal Construction, Co.	\$1,958,050.00
7	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$1,968,800.00
8	Shimmick Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,978,000.00
9	Blois Construction, Inc.	\$2,061,290.00
10	HighLight Electric, Inc.	\$2,301,777.00
11	ARB Inc.	\$2,443,000.00

* Local Small Business Enterprises (LSBE)

Tobo Construction, Inc., Solar 2 Power, and United Engineering and Construction, Inc., submitted bids in the amount of \$1,473,500, \$1,643,415, and \$1,707,000, respectively. However, all three bids did not utilize the updated Schedule of Prices included in Addendum 2. Therefore, all three bids were considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Monet Construction, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,896,500; however, the subcontracted portion of its bid exceeded the 50 percent maximum listed in the bid requirements. Therefore, its bid is considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,573,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,417,500.00
Amount of recommended contract below the estimate	\$ 156,000.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 9.9 percent below the estimate.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 9, 2014, Agenda Item 35, the Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 130 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2015 and be completed in October 2015.

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